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NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

SCLA MEETS IN CHARLESTON

STATE DOCUMENTS

The South Carolina Library Association held a successful conference in Charleston October 25 - 26. Miss Virginia H. Matthews, Assistant Director of National Library Week, spoke at the first general session and urged the Association to take full advantage of the national publicity for libraries and the opportunity to participate in National Library Week. At the dinner meeting Colonel Girdler Fitch, Head of the Modern Languages Department at the Citadel, spoke on "Irony in Great Literature". At the luncheon meeting Mr. Richard Coleman of Charleston spoke on "Charleston Oddities". New officers elected were: Miss Madeleine Mosimann, President; Mr. Gordon Gourlay, Vice-President and President-Elect; Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Treasurer; and Mrs. Betty Foran, Secretary.

The Public Library Section held two meetings during the conference. At the first the Section saw two films, "Books for All" and "Small Town Library". Both of these films are available on loan from the State Library Board. Following the film showing, committee reports were made by the Circulation Standards Committee, the Personnel Standards Committee and the Public Library Section Workshop Committee. The recommendations of the Circulation Standards Committee and the Personnel Standards Committee were accepted by the Section. The new Personnel Manual will be mailed to each public librarian and to the chairman of each public library board in the state. At the business meeting on Saturday morning the proposed by-laws for the Public Library Section were discussed by the chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Miss Lois Barbare. Miss Walker reported on the Library Services Act in South Carolina.

New officers elected were: Miss Josephine Crouch, Librarian of the Aiken County Library, President; Mr. George Linder, Librarian of the Spartanburg Library, Vice-President; and Miss Frances B. Reid, Field Service Librarian of the State Library Board, Secretary.

RECRUITING

A nation-wide program of "person-to-person" recruiting to bring young men and women into the ranks of librarianship has been launched by the American Library Association.

A pamphlet, To Be a Librarian, has been distributed from ALA Headquarters to librarians and library groups throughout the country as an implement in the program. The principal feature of the program is "the actual person-to-person contact by individual librarians with prospects who can be developed into recruits and followed up so that the recruits will actually become librarians."

Copies of To Be a Librarian are available without cost on request to the LAD Recruiting Committee for limited use within the framework of person-to-person recruiting. For mass distribution at career days and for general distribution, librarians are urged to use leaflets developed by state associations, or the excellent booklet in the career series of the New York Life Insurance Company, Should You Be a Librarian? This booklet is available in quantity, without charge, simply by stating the number needed and the purpose to which they will be put in a request to: Mr. Francis L. Cooper, Public Relations Department, New York Life Insurance Company, 51 Madison Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

CHARLESTONIANS TO HEAD COMMITTEES FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN S. C.

Mrs. Girdler B. Fitch, Chairman of the Board of the Charleston County Library, has been named Chairman of the South Carolina Library Week Committee. Miss Madeleine Mosimann, President-Elect of the Association, will serve as chairman of the Librarians Committee for National Library Week. Organization plans were laid at a recent meeting in Charleston. Taking part in the discussion were: Mr. Charles E. Stow, President of the South Carolina Library Association, Miss Madeleine Mosimann, Mrs. Girdler B. Fitch, Miss Estellene Walker, and Miss Virginia H. Matthews, Assistant Director of National Library Week.

SEARS ROEBUCK AND BETTER BOOKS

The Sears Roebuck Company's 1957 Christmas Gift Catalog features a selection of books dealing with the nation's development as suggested by the American Library Association. The catalog is being distributed to approximately eight million homes.

Although Sears' object is to sell books, it carefully points out to its customers in the accompanying catalog copy that their public library has most or all of the books shown and urges them to make full use of that fine public institution. The Company plans to carry lists of selected books on other subjects in future catalogs.

HITCH YOUR WAGON TO THIS STAR

If your community does not yet have a committee for National Library Week, this is the time to begin thinking about getting the members appointed and the program underway. National Library Week which will be celebrated March 16 - 22, 1958 is one of the biggest things yet developed to help library progress in this country. A national campaign is underway to gain support for better library service. From now on you will be reading, seeing, and hearing a great deal about books, reading and libraries. More important still, is the fact that your public will be reading, hearing and seeing more about library service during the coming months than ever before. There will be articles in Life, Time, Newsweek, and all of the home magazines on the value of libraries and reading. National radio and television programs will do their bit to point up the need for more reading by every citizen of the country. Your own radio stations and TV broadcasters will be open-minded

about including in their programs items about the local library service, since the National Advertising Council has listed Library Week as meeting its high standards of public service.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs and the National Council of Jewish Women are giving National Library Week their full support. In January the Clubwoman will alert millions of members of the GFW to support National Library Week. See the November Good Housekeeping for one of the first articles to appear in connection with this national program.

MORE ABOUT SPARTANBURG'S NEW BUILDING

On November 14th, Dr. W. Stanley Hoole, Director of Libraries at the University of Alabama, addressed the Delegate Assembly of the Council for Spartanburg County on the need for a modern public library building in Spartanburg County. Dr. Hoole made a survey of public library service in Spartanburg County ten years ago which resulted in the establishment of county-wide library service. Dr. Hoole's present study was directed at pointing up the need for modern facilities to carry out modern library service. In the ten years since the original survey was made, great progress has been achieved in extending and improving service throughout Spartanburg County, but any further extension of service or improvement of service is limited by the inadequacy of library housing for the headquarter's library. About 300 Spartanburg citizens attended the dinner and heard Dr. Hoole speak on the need for a new public library building. The consensus seemed to be that a building was absolutely essential and must be provided soon in order to continue the progress the library has made in serving people of Spartanburg County.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

December 10 is Human Rights Day. This year marks the Ninth Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly. As in years past, the President of the United States is expected to formally ask all Americans to join with other free peoples of the world in celebrating the day.

The following materials may be obtained by writing to The U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, Department of State, Washington 25, D. C.:

A two color poster approximately 18" x 24".

A booklet entitled "How Children Learn About Human Rights".

A Fact Sheet outlining the significance of the Universal Declaration.

A Check List offering suggestions for planning and executing programs at the local level.

A combination Fact Sheet - Check List for School Teachers giving background and hints for classroom and school-wide observances.

A Guide Book for Community Leaders which enumerates a number of steps for promoting an effective observance and utilizing community resources to the best advantage.

A Human Rights Day flyer which spells out the Universal Declaration and includes selections from our American Bill of Rights.

A Wall Chart which presents a comparison of sections of the Universal Declaration with our American documents of freedom.

A number of suggested radio spot announcements which might be helpful in connection with local observances.

TRUSTEE HONORED

Mrs. W. L. Norton of Walhalla, a charter member of the Oconee County Library Association, and past president of the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association, has been honored by the appointment to serve on the Planning Committee of the ALA Trustee Association. The committee, which will meet in Chicago in January, is composed of nine trustees and three librarians chosen from all over the nation. It is setup to work out details of a workshop for public library trustees to be held at the annual conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco this coming June.

NEWBERRY-SALUDA REGIONAL LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFTS

The Newberry-Saluda Regional Library has received a gift of \$1800 from Senator R. Aubrey Harley, former Representative Thomas H. Pope, and the late Representative J. Kess Derick. Back in 1940 when the House of Representatives voted extra pay of \$450 each to its members, Representatives Harley, Pope and Derick voted against the measure. Since it was against these Representatives' principles to accept this extra pay and since they believed firmly in the worth of the library to the community, they gave the \$1350 extra pay to the county for the library. The gift was invested in government bonds which have now matured and the bonds have been turned over to the treasurer of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library for the benefit of the library.

ALA TO STAY IN CHICAGO

A mail vote of the membership of the ALA has determined that ALA Headquarters shall remain in Chicago instead of being moved to Washington, D. C., as ALA Council, policy making body of the organization, decided last June at the ALA conference in Kansas City.

LEXINGTON OPEN HOUSE

Lexington County Library held an open house at the county library headquarters in Batesburg following the quarterly board meeting in October. The drop-in was held in the recently completed addition to the library. Over a hundred visitors called and were introduced to the Board members during the afternoon. The library was beautifully decorated with arrangements of flowers, leaves and candles. Friends of the library in Lexington County furnished delicious refreshments of homemade cookies, wafers, and punch. The affair was a great success and in the report given it in the Batesburg Twin City News

the following compliment was paid to the Lexington County Library: "The library is one of Batesburg-Leesville's biggest assets and its dutch-colonial architecture is pointed out with pride by local citizens. The library and bookmobile which serves the county make valuable contributions to the schools, families, organizations and individuals. Not only does it afford much pleasure but is a constant source of information. The library is a credit to Lexington County."

COLLETON WELCOMES LIBRARIAN

Mrs. J. L. Tyler, Jr., of Smoaks, is now a part-time cataloger on the staff of the Colleton County Memorial Library. Mrs. Tyler is a graduate of the Library School at Emory University. She has worked in the Emory and Duke university libraries. Her husband, Rev. Mr. Tyler, is the pastor of the Smoaks Methodist Church.

RECRUITING IN UNION

The Union High School Library Club had as guest speaker recently Miss Mary Berry of the Spartanburg Public Library who spoke on "There's a library in your life". Miss Berry told the young people about public, school and special libraries and the opportunities each offer for a career.

Miss Berry, who until recently was head of the Adult Services Department of the Lawson McGhee Library in Knoxville, Tennessee, is now the assistant librarian in the Spartanburg Public Library. She has worked in school, college and public libraries in many sections of the country and is well qualified to speak on librarianship as a career.

TIMROD LIBRARY RECEIVES LEGACY

The Timrod Library in Summerville has received an original Audubon, a very fine print from the Elephant Folio Volume II, engraved, printed and colored by Havell, London. This picture and another were left to the library by Dr. Eugene Swope, who since 1938, had been a resident of Summerville. Among other items in the legacy were a small bronze statue now in the children's room of the library and a handsome bronze sun dial.

LET'S DISCUSS IT

Does your community want to know more about the Library Services Act Program in order to understand it better or to take full advantage of the opportunities it offers? If groups in your community would like to meet to talk about the new library program being carried out in South Carolina under the terms of the Library Services Act, a member of the State Library Board will be glad to come to meet with the group and to explain the program and answer any questions which arise. Just write the State Library Board two weeks prior to the time of the meeting in order to make sure that a member of the staff can be present.

Mrs. Rosamond duJardin, the author of popular books for teen agers, was a visitor in Columbia on November 12th. She spoke to a group of students at Dreher High School and visited the Richland County Library. She was entertained at lunch by the staff of the State Library Board.

RADIO CAN HELP

You can have book talks by an outstanding author over your local radio station for fifteen minutes each week if your radio station will give you a spot on their program for thirteen consecutive weeks. The Gilbert Highet Book Talks on tape are available free through the courtesy of the Book of the Month Club. For details write to Harold Andrews, Productions Inc., 114 East 32nd Street, New York 16. See the September issue of the Wilson Library Bulletin for further information.

WORKSHOP AT LOUISIANA STATE

A workshop on Library Services for Young People will be held at Louisiana State University Library School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 23 - 28, 1958. The meeting will be held at the Adult Education Center on the campus. Mr. Roger Fry, Co-ordinator of Services to Young Adults at the Dallas Public Library, is to be the director.

This is one of a series of workshops which the old Association of Young People's Librarians initiated. The first workshop was held last summer at Rutgers and the third will be held on the West Coast in 1959. The workshop at Louisiana State University is expected to serve the Southeastern states.

EIGHT LIBRARIES TO SHOW FILMS

Taking advantage of the free film service available through the Promotion Division, National Film Board of Canada, eight libraries in the state will make the films available to groups in their communities from September through June 1958. Among the libraries taking part in this program are the Charleston, Lexington, Greenwood, Oconee, Laurens and Orangeburg county libraries; the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library; and the Anderson Public Library.

INEXPENSIVE BOOKS

The State Library Board will soon mail a revised list of inexpensive serviceable editions of children's books to public libraries. Titles were selected from standard book selection tools. The proportion of listings of easy books has increased since more library editions are available for that age level and durable bindings will last for average life of the body of the book. The list is not intended to be inclusive.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1957

November 22-28

December 7

January 28 - February 1

February 23-28

Know Your Library Month.

National Farm-City Week.

Meeting of SCLA Executive Board in the offices of the State Library Board in Columbia.

ALA Midwinter Meeting at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago.

Workshop on Library Services for Young People at Louisiana State University Library School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.